

REVOLUTIONARY WAR HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

In 2026 America will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence from England.

In Fiscal year 2022 the Select Board voted to form a Committee to look at ideas to commemorate Marshfield's patriots who served in the war. The members on the committee are Tom Whalen, Jim Murrin, Bert O'Donnell, Cindy Castro, Dave Welch, and Michael Maresco.

The committee's first meeting was in February. The committee's goal is to erect a monument in honor of our patriots. The committee has established a monument timeline spelling out goals and objectives which will fulfill our goal to erect a fitting monument of remembrance to those who secured America's freedom. Commencement Day will take place on July 4, 2026 with a Town celebration.

The committee is in the process of establishing records of Marshfield soldiers and sailors who served in the war using source documents in state and Town records, Marshfield history books and records from The Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution.

To date, we have established a preliminary list of approximately 254 patriots' names, all subject to final approval. We are in the process of identifying the grave locations of patriots who are interred in our cemeteries. Our goal is to mark the graves with a proper emblem identifying each patriot.

This year's goal is to complete the above tasks. Although today's technology has played a part in our research, the work still requires sleuthing records from historic sources. We continue to marvel where and what we find in the sources of the information. Everyone on the committee agrees the work is interesting and rewarding as we continue to reach our goals.

At the completion of the project, the committee will send a final report to the Selectmen with our findings.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Whalen, Recording Secretary
Cindy Castro
Bert O'Donnell
Michael Maresco
Jim Murrin
Dave Welch